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LABOR TAKES FIRST ROUND

Case Bill Veto Upheld; But-- Truman Spurs Own Union-Busting

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, June 11.—With five votes to spare, the House sustained President Truman's veto of the Case bill and thereby defeated one threat of the two-pronged legislative drive against labor. After the President's veto message was read by the clerk, 255 voted in favor of passing the bill over the veto, and 135 for sustaining the veto. Advocates of the anti-labor measure needed a two-thirds majority, or 260 votes.

Labor is still staring down the gun barrel of the Truman bill, to which the President in his veto message today again asked Congress to give final approval. This measure has been adopted by both houses, and awaits only action ironing out differences between the Senate and House versions.

Foes of labor are considering attaching the now defeated Case as a rider on the Truman bill. It is not clear whether this is possible under the House's complicated parliamentary rules.

5,000-WORD MESSAGE

The President's 5,000-word veto message was brought to the House promptly at noon.

"The question presented is whether it will help to stop strikes and work stoppages and prevent other practices which adversely affect our economy," the President said. "I

have reached the conclusion that it will not."

He paid tribute to the "sincere belief" of the Congressmen who adopted the measure, and assured them he was in accord with their desire to "remedy certain existing conditions which cause labor strife and produce domestic turmoil." However, he said, the Case bill "is actually a collection of separate unrelated mea-

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sures and is not an over-all solution of this most important problem. We must not make a false start. We must not approach the problem on a piecemeal basis as this bill does."

In repeating his request to Congress to take final favorable action on his own measure, Truman expressed the hope that "there will be no confusion in the minds of the members of Congress or in the minds of the public between this bill and my request on May 25 for emergency legislation."

The Case bill would not have prevented the railroad and coal strikes, he said. His own bill, with the extreme power it grants him, would have been effective, he argued.

The close vote in the House followed the alignment which has become so familiar in the 79th Congress, with the Republicans and Southern Democrats voting pretty much as a reactionary bloc. The progressive victory was made possible by support from a few southerners, such as Helen Mankin (D-Ga.), Albert Rains, (D-Ala.), John Sparkman (D-

Ala.), J. M. Combs (D-Tex), Cliff Davis (D-Tenn) who voted to sustain the veto, Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and Luther Patrick (D-Ala).

Republicans who helped the labor victory included Joseph Clark Baldwin (D-NY), and James Fulton (D-Pa).

George Bender (R-O), who formerly voted with labor, was today in the reactionary bloc voting to override the veto.

EACH SECTION ANALYZED

In his veto message, Truman took up the Case bill section by section. He objected to including strikes against private employers in the scope of the measure, and repeated his proposal that a joint committee study labor relations proposals for the next six months. He said the Case bill would be a barrier to passing other permanent anti-strike legislation.

He pointed out the bill penalizes employees more harshly than employers and therefore adds to labor strife. It would also, he said, increase the number of strikes, as the Smith-Connally Act had previously done.

The subject of welfare funds, he declared, needs "long and careful study."

The provision subjecting union activities to the anti-trust law was too sweeping, Truman held, and went far beyond its aim of eliminating "secondary boycotts." He felt the injunction provision should be used only in strikes "against the Government."

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Case Bill Victory Only 1st Round

CHALK UP an important victory for the labor movement in President Truman's veto of the Case bill and House action in sustaining it.

The powerful protest drive of the trade unions and their friends in and out of Congress unquestionably helped to bring about a change in the Washington atmosphere from the hysteria of two weeks ago which made this victory possible.

But if you have any idea you can breathe easier now, you are dead wrong. Only the first skirmish in the fight to prevent the shackling of labor has been won.

The Case measure was properly grasped by the entire labor movement as a step toward fascism and it unitedly rallied its forces against it. Each individual member of the House and Senate became the target of this united labor attack.

NO LESS FASCIST

The Truman anti-strike measure is no less a step toward fascism. That same drive of labor, all sections of it, has to be directed against it, as well.

In his veto message, Truman made it plain his action on the Case bill was taken in order to bludgeon Congress into passing his own drastic proposal, now in conference between the two houses, without essential change.

The President did not express disapproval of measures aimed at the labor movement. His objection to the Case bill, rather, was that it did not sufficiently interfere with the right to strike, as his program does. He said pointedly in his message that the Case bill would not have prevented the railroad strike (by which he means it could not be used to break it), or the steel, coal or automotive strikes.

His bill, he maintained, would do all that.

He complained, further, that while legislation restraining the trade unions was undoubtedly necessary, it required more study than had been given the Case bill and should be more comprehensive. His bill provides for just such study.

ENCOURAGES REACTION

The Truman veto message, with its conciliatory tone, will most probably encourage congressional reactionaries, who want the permanent shackles of the Case bill imposed on labor, to tack some of its provisions onto the Truman measure in the form of amendments.

In that form, the President can be expected to approve them, along with his own bill.

That probability, if not an actual understanding, may have been in the President's mind when he vetoed the Case bill. Because of the veto and the liberal-sounding veto message, he perhaps hopes to win back some of his lost labor and liberal support.

By such an understanding, tacit or otherwise, with the anti-labor elements in Congress, he can still get the anti-union legislation American monopoly capital wants.

There is only one answer the people can give to any such course, as well as to the President's appeal for his own anti-labor program.

The fight that compelled the Truman veto and the action of Congress in sustaining it has to be carried forward without pause against the Truman bill and any and all amendments to it.

That fight has to be directed now both at the House and at the Senate.

Says Devaney Interfered

Councilman Michael J. Quill yesterday denied in the Bronx Supreme Court the charges of John J. Devaney, Jr., that he called Devaney "an agent of Hitler in America," during two outdoor meetings in 1944.

Devaney, who was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 25th district at the time, is suing Quill for \$50,000.

Quill accused Devaney of trying to disturb Bronx Democratic meetings at which Quill had been asked to speak. At each meeting, Quill said, he told the audience such alleged tactics were reminiscent of the way of fascist agents broke up meetings in Germany in 1932.

DA Gets Case Of Transit Blast

Mayor William O'Dwyer yesterday referred a telegram from the Transport Workers Union, demanding an investigation into the fatal injuries of two workers in a Brooklyn power plant blast last Monday, to Miles McDonald, Kings County District Attorney.

McDonald will probe charges by Austin Hogan, TWU Local 100-president, that the men were killed because of the "callous disregard for human lives" by the Board of Transportation.

Fete Italy Republic

An open-air rally to celebrate the birth of the Republic of Italy will be held by the Communist Party on the corner of Eighth Ave. and 39th St., tomorrow noon.

Behind the Veto of the Case Bill

Pressure From Labor Penetrated White House Inner Circle

Back of President Truman's veto of the Case Bill and the return to sanity of a few hysterical Congressmen, was a trend towards united labor action and independence which surprised Democratic Party leaders.

One example was an hour and a half audience the President's chief labor advisor, John R. Steelman, gave a delegation of seven union representatives from the Buffalo area at the White House last Friday.

The delegation, including official representatives of the AFL and CIO central bodies and the Railroad Trainmen, was sent from a conference of 600 leaders of most unions of consequence in the Buffalo region.

Steelman told the group he was was taking the time and trouble to meet the delegates because this was the first delegation of its kind that came to see the President. He appealed to it to stick to Truman on the theory that as bad as he may be, the Republicans are worse. Mr. Truman is on the defensive, and the trend to unity and political independence is what worries him.

Labor has gone beyond adoption of resolutions in many parts of the country. At New Haven, Conn., a meeting of 600 representatives of AFL, CIO, and Brotherhood unions, drew the same conclusion—joint, independent political action throughout the state.

The story is the same from a Milwaukee mass meeting, and there is no end of cities where AFL and CIO leaders joined on petitions or wires to the President.

ST. LOUIS, June 11.—Among the many thousands of messages to the White House protesting anti-labor legislation, Truman will find one from a conference of 100 top AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood leaders of his own state of Missouri.

These Missouri labor leaders also voted to set up a committee of 25 to work for a National Emergency Conference of all labor to unite it "against the rising tide of reaction."

189 Groups Pledge Sea Strike Aid

Delegates from 189 organizations promised to put their full steam behind the June 15 sea strike, at an enthusiastic conference at the Hotel Capitol. The meeting was organized by the Emergency Citizens Conference to Support the Maritime Workers, with the support of CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood unions, veterans and community bodies.

Pledges were made to raise abundant food supplies for the strikers.

"The government and the ship-owners will ride roughshod over all American workers unless the marine workers win their demands," said Frederick N. Meyers, vice-president of the National Maritime Union.

State CIO president Louis Hollander declared, "Government agencies and big business cannot and will not destroy organized labor."

J. Raymond Walsh, of the State Citizens PAC, was chairman. Other speakers included George Marshall, Civil Rights Congress leader; Paul Trilling, New York Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Harry Reich, president of Local 89, AFL hotel workers; and Frank Williams, chairman, Metropolitan Area Council, American Veterans Committee.

Waterfront CP Will Hear Jesus Colon

Jesus Colon, Puerto Rican journalist and Communist leader, will speak at a meeting of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party this Friday.

The meeting is one of a series held by the section for Spanish-speaking seamen.

At a meeting last week, 18 Spanish-speaking seamen joined the CP.

Coudert to Run Against Baldwin

State Senator Frederic R. Coudert has apparently decided to enter the primaries in the 17th Congressional District against the state's only liberal Republican Congressman, Joseph Clark Baldwin.

Coudert has called a meeting of his 9th Assembly District leaders for Monday night to organize a "draft" movement for himself.

Gov. Dewey, who lives in the Congressional District, has been put on the spot by a request from Newbold Morris that he intervene to have Baldwin redesignated.

'Let Gov't Practice What It Preaches'

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The issue in the maritime strike is "whether the Federal Government believes in practicing what it preaches—a 40-hour week and decent pay," declared Senator Claude H. Pepper (D-Fla.) today. Pepper warned he would protest on the Senate floor if the operators and the Government have not "really, fairly and fully met the employees half way."

13 Face Franco Court-Martial

MADRID, June 11 (UP).—Twelve men and a 24-year-old girl accused of plotting to reorganize the Spanish Republican Army went on trial by court martial today at the Don Juan barracks.

The prosecution asked 12-year sentences for Col. Eduardo Saenz de Arana, Lt. Col. Pedro Salva, Maj. Vivaldor Pomata Orsi, Maj. Rudino Garcia Esteller, Maj. Francisco Ruiz Salinero and Maj. Luis Motta.

For two others — Maj. Manuel Tarraga and Jose Fernandez—the prosecution requested six-year terms. The girl secretary of the group, Julia Diaz Torres, and Valeriano Blasquez each face three-year sentences, while one year was asked for Maj. Jose Arcenegui, brother of the present under-secretary of justice.

3 Die in Storms

Thunderstorms and winds swept across southern New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania last night, uprooting trees, blocking highways, destroying farm buildings and causing at least three deaths.

Aussie Dockers Won't Scab

SYDNEY, Australia, June 11 (UP).—Australian dock workers will not handle American ships manned by non-union labor which reach any Australian port after June 15, James Healy, general secretary of the waterside workers, said today.

New Zealand seamen also have promised their support to the American unions.

CAN OF BEANS GETS YOU IN SEA STRIKE RALLY TOMORROW

A can of food for the striking seamen will take the place of a ticket of admission to the big Madison Square Garden rally tomorrow night.

Ten tons of food to stock the larders of the 18 soup kitchens run by the Committee of Maritime Unity will thus be collected, the Citizens Committee for the Support of the Maritime Workers, said yesterday.

Joseph Curran, president of the

National Maritime Union, and Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, the CMU's co-chairman, will speak.

A drive to house 30,000 seamen "hitting the bricks" in the port of New York, will be speeded at the meeting.

The rally will denounce President Truman's plans to use the Army, Navy, and Coast Guard to break the strike.

**TOMORROW NIGHT
MADISON SQ. GARDEN**

BACK THE MARINE STRIKE

Ship Bosses Can't Drown Fact

By Howard Fast

By and large, the general public gets one side of a strike story—the side of the bosses; and a million tons of newsprint back up the power of the trusts. But yesterday, the seven maritime unions let the owners know that they were not taking this one lying down. Come heaven, hell and high water, the public is going to get the facts.

That's Dan Boano's department. Small, dynamic, apparently tireless, he's head of public relations for the joint strike committee. "The people are going to know," he said. "They are going to get the whole story, and once they have the facts, they'll be with us. They're going to know that the shipowners won't bargain collectively. If we go out on strike, they'll know why we're striking—and if they're with us, there's no power on earth can break this strike!"

Even now, four days before the strike deadline, I got a feeling of solidarity at the NMU Hiring Hall that made me agree with him. While we stood there, talking, a mass picket line of hundreds of women marched past, their banners calling for a living wage, a 40-hour week.

"The Ladies' Auxiliary," Boano said. "Eight hundred of them a day. They get around."

They do. I saw their picket lines, later in the day, in two midtown places. But that's only one part of the large and detailed plan



the maritime unions have of bringing their case to the people. Another part of it is a series of colorful stickers which tell the story of what the maritime workers are fighting for.

Yesterday, New York City blossomed forth with those stickers, in the subways, on windows and walls—and 80 seamen were arrested for putting them up. It's an almost historic incident for 80 workers to be jailed even before their strike begins, but it's also a testimony to the determination of the maritime workers to get the facts to the public. They stand on their constitutional right of freedom of speech and the press, and if that means mass arrests, now or later, they're ready for mass arrests.

DISCIPLINED, DETERMINED MEN

In addition, there are leaflets, hundreds of thousands of leaflets, throwaways, banners and signs, spot radio announcements, and, of course, the Thursday night meeting at Madison Square Garden. They don't want a strike, and the more air they give the facts of this dispute, the more chance there is for the strike to be avoided. But if their demands aren't met, if the shipowners complete what is becoming more and more obviously a conspiracy for lockout, then the seamen will go out Friday night, at one minute past midnight, into what will probably be the greatest mass picket line in labor history—a waterfront line seven miles long.

You go into any one of the hiring halls

now, and you realize the strength and determination of these maritime unions. Their pride during the war, a self discipline that no other branch of the service ever matched, is still maintained. A check system on passes has already been instituted. An organization to feed and house 20,000 men has been set up—more on this at another time. The hiring halls are jam-packed full; ships still go out and will continue to go out until the actual hour a strike is called; there is no disorder, no looseness.

But the seamen are angry. They have a normal reaction to being slandered, lied about, castigated. They don't like it. They don't like it talked about that their jobs are easy berths; they have a peacetime accident rate of 45 percent on the ships. They know what it is to be a week without hot food, without a dry spot on a ship. Seamen don't die of old age.

Now they look at the cartoons and editorials in the Times, in the Tribune, in the World-Telegram, and in Hearst's slime sheet, the Journal, and they speculate upon the easy transition, in the pages of these papers, of men and their families, to the number of a million Americans, from loyal citizens to wild-haired menaces. That's why they're bringing their own story to the people. They're not only workers, but as fine a cross section of this land as you could have. They stand on that. If and when they strike, there's no man of good will in America who won't have a stake in their victory.

Gov't Balks Sea Pact, Bridges Says

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Ship operators refused to accede to the shorter workweek demand of the seamen because they have been "given orders" not to by the government through the War Shipping Administration, Harry Bridges told a House investigating committee today.

5,000 to Picket Here When Seamen Strike

By Art Shields

Five thousand seamen and other trade unionists will march in the "biggest picket line in the world" along the docks of the Hudson River next Saturday morning, the central maritime strike committee announced yesterday.

The mass march starts at 7 a.m. sharp, though picketing begins when the seamen begin to walk off the ships at one minute after midnight Friday night.

Every seaman on the beach is being mobilized for New York's western front drive, announced Dan Boano, spokesman for the Committee of Maritime Unity in New York and Paul Pallazi, picket committee chairman.

Many CIO and AFL workers from other unions will reinforce the march.

The western front line will roll along the Hudson's giant docks from the Chelsea piers, which Joe Ryan, the strikebreaking "king" of the International Longshoremen's Association, considers his own, to Canal St.

The possibility of a general strike was projected yesterday by Joseph Stack, chairman of the central strike committee, in a statement denouncing President Truman's strikebreaking preparations.

"Be prepared for one thing," the seamen's leader declared. "If we have to hit the bricks on June 15 we will not be satisfied with just the maritime workers being on strike."

"Before we get done fighting for our life and our union we will possibly wind up with a general strike."

Any attempt by the President to use the Army, the Navy and the Coast Guard to break the strike will endanger the whole working-class, said Stack, and create the necessity for bigger action.

AFL longshoremen, teamsters and seamen will join the joint waterfront struggle before long, the CMU leader, predicted.

Dealing with the AFL seamen, Stack expressed his confidence in the workingclass spirit of the rank and file of the Seafarers International Union and the Sailors Union of the Pacific, who left their ships here last Thursday.

"The rank and file of these unions is on the move," the strike chairman declared. "They have made their officials move."

The AFL seamen's decision not to cross CMU picket lines and to not to sail any ship if the armed forces are used as strikebreakers, is just the beginning of the movement now under way, Stack believes.

Hundreds of longshoremen along the Hudson River were expressing their resentment against Ryan's strikebreaking declarations today.

Joe Sands, chairman of the longshore contacting committee of the CMU, reported today that more than 100 longshoremen on the United Fruit docks near Rector St. had assured him that they will not cross any union picket lines, despite Ryan's threats.

A number of longshoremen even protested to Ryan's delegate against the strike-busting threats.

The "king's" goons are not able to intimidate the men since the rank and file longshore strike of last October as much as before, though their power is still great.

Striking seamen and reporters

The West Coast Longshoremen's leader said one of the problems constantly plagued negotiations is the dual role of the government, which owns 80 percent of the ships but avoids an open responsibility for wages and conditions.

The operators, he added, contend they are only agents for the government. Often negotiations must recess while the operators confer with their "principals," the WSA, he pointed out.

[Capt. Granville Conway, deputy, War Shipping Administrator, revealed yesterday that the operators have a new offer, says United Press. Conway expressed the belief that the offer would break the deadlock in negotiations now taking place at Washington between shipping interests and the Committee for Maritime Unity.]

"If Congress had passed the proposed amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act and included maritime workers in its provisions, America would not face a maritime strike," Bridges told the Congressmen.

The demands of the Committee for Maritime Unity for a 72-cent minimum and a 40-hour week come well within the minimum standards of the bill as introduced by Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.); last fall, he pointed out. The bill was amended by the Senate Labor Committee to exclude maritime workers and was passed in that form by the Senate. It is still pending before the House Labor Committee.

Negotiations have been hampered by governmental intervention apparently designed to stiffen the operators against union demands, Bridges pointed out. He cited statements of Truman that he was prepared to seize ships and operate them with armed forces, the appeal of the Secretary of Navy for volunteers to operate struck ships, and the recent widely-quoted remark of Secretary of Treasury Snyder.

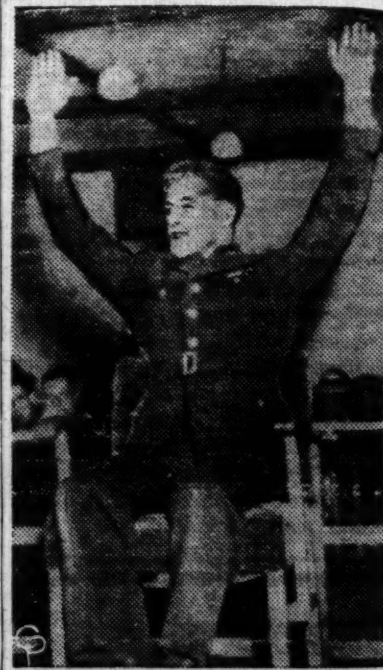
Bridges said he and other union representatives had appeared before the Senate Labor Committee last fall to ask for coverage of maritime workers in the pending wages and hours amendments. Admiral Emory Land, chief of the Maritime Commission, had persuaded the committee that it was "impossible" to have a 40-hour week at sea and that maritime workers should be excluded from the bill. Senators told him, Bridges said, that the maritime workers would do better if they tried to win the 40-hour week by collective bargaining, and that is what they are trying to do.

The close tieup between the government and ship owners came out when Bridges cited the fact that Captain Conway still sits in on maritime negotiations representing the government although he has recently been engaged as president of the Consolidated Shipping Co. It was revealed his new salary is \$75,000 a year.

Representative O. C. Fisher (D-Tex) attempted to heckle Bridges about the enormity of the crime of "striking against the Government." Bridges insisted the unions would man troop and relief ships but not commercial ships if the government operated them for the profit of the shipowners. If the government took over all ships and operated them, Bridges said, the union would seek to negotiate conditions directly with the government.

"I am trying to get a direct answer," Fisher said. "You are trying to get a hypothetical answer," Bridges retorted.

Rep. Frank Hook, (D-Mich) and Ellis Patterson (D-Cal) made it clear they resented Fisher's devious efforts to embarrass Bridges.



Survivor of the Malmédy massacre in Belgium of American prisoners by Nazis, ex-Sgt. Kenneth Ahrens, Erie, Pa., demonstrates how he was taken prisoner. Ahrens is a witness at the trial of 74 SS men accused of machine-gunning the defenseless GIs.

also found the longshoremen talking somewhat more freely than before.

Several Negro seamen voiced their hatred of Ryan to me when I approached them as a Daily Worker reporter as the "shape-up" circle near the foot of 23d St. was breaking up at 8 a.m.

All complained bitterly of rank discrimination on the Chelsea docks, where Ryan's power is greatest.

No names of rank and file longshoremen are used by the Daily Worker, it must be stated, because of the danger that Ryan will blacklist them or even that goons may attack.

The Tories At the Bridge

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Britain, U. S. Hack At UN Franco Action

American and British delegates to the UN's Security Council are working overtime to force a watering-down of the sub-committee report on Franco Spain, the Daily Worker learned yesterday.

The sub-committee report—signed by France, China, Poland, Australia and Brazil—was itself a watering-down of the original Polish motion for immediate Council action on France.

As finally published June 1, the report provides that the General Assembly shall consider action against Franco Spain unless the dictator is replaced with a democratic government by Sept. 3.

Poland had argued that Assembly action, involving all the members of the UN, did not preclude immediate consideration of the Franco issue by the Security Council.

But the American delegate, Herschel V. Johnson, and the British delegate, Sir Alexander Cadogan, are reliably reported to feel that even this mild slap at Franco is too much.

Mr. Johnson is known to have met with the Australian foreign minister, Herbert V. Evatt, in the attempt to force a compromise that would set no deadline for the disappearance of the fascist regime. Evatt has also met with Cadogan

several times. But the Australian is believed to be standing firm for the original sub-committee report.

Cadogan secured postponement of the Security Council meeting from yesterday on the excuse that his government had not had the time to study the report. It was issued two weeks ago this Saturday, and so the excuse is obviously a lame one.

Soviet delegate, Andrei Gromyko, was believed to oppose the report because it was too mild. But it is considered unlikely that he will exert the veto right against it.

One difficulty facing the American and British spokesman is that France, China, and Brazil, along with Poland and Australia are committed to their own report. Mexico does not have relations with Franco. Together with the U.S.S.R., therefore, a majority of seven members of the Council is already assured.

That's why behind-the-scenes moves are being made to whittle the report down in conformity with Anglo-American desires.

BYRNES THREATENS TO END BIG 4, ASKS MORE 'PRAYER'

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes hinted strongly yesterday that the meeting of foreign ministers in Paris this weekend may be the last of its kind, and asked "more prayer" for its success.

Byrnes spoke at his Washington press conference two days before leaving by plane for a continuation of the meeting that resulted in a deadlock last month.

The Secretary was quite pious about the importance of making progress in writing the peace for former enemy nations. He said "If we fail; it is a defeat for mankind as well as the powers represented."

He denied vigorously, according to United Press, that the United States was aligned with Britain and declared that no joint Anglo-American proposals would be made at the Paris meeting.

But UP said he indicated "that the meeting may be the last chance for the Big Four to make such progress together."

Reminded of the fact that he had jestingly proposed "prayers" the last time he went to Paris, Byrnes said he was now in earnest and urged the need of more prayers.

He advised Americans not to re-

gard the conference "as a football game or any progress that is made as a diplomatic victory for one country or another."

The secretary's remarks, in the opinion of observers, was actually another bit of psychological preparation of the American people for further deadlock in Paris.

BERLIN, June 11 (UP).—A United States proposal for a federated Germany consisting of 13 states will be presented to the Big Four Foreign Ministers, meeting in Paris on Saturday, a high military government official said today.

The states would consist of five Soviet, four British, one French and three American. A military government spokesman said the plan was conceived "months ago" by Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy Military Governor.

It was cabled to Washington recently with a suggestion that it be discussed by the Foreign Ministers if they failed to agree on a centralized German government.

United States Military Government authorities said they were "delighted" by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's support of a similar plan for Germany.



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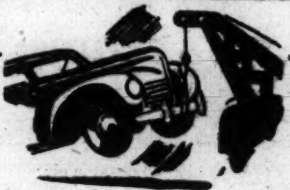
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Yenan Bares Vast U. S. Aid To Chiang Armies

The United States continues to equip, train and transport Chiang Kai-shek's civil war armies despite its repeated hands-off pledges, a Chinese Communist broadcast to North America June 5 charged.

The Yenian radio appealed for immediate withdrawal of U. S. troops from China and cessation of all help to the Kuomintang.

"Since the Japanese surrender—that is, during the civil war and not during the war against Japan—the American Navy and U. S. Marines have been stationed in China," the broadcast charged. "Though statements of evacuation and withdrawal have been made, this has been repeatedly postponed."

Lt. Gen. Alvin C. Gillen said in Shanghai on June 4 that U. S. forces will not deactivate the China theater by the end of June, as promised, but may remain for the rest of 1946. On April 1, following a nationwide campaign here to stop intervention in China and assurance of Soviet evacuation by May, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer said the U. S. Army in the China theater would be disbanded May 1.

"At present," the Chinese Communist broadcast continued, "even families of American troops are being transported to China, indicating that American forces regard China as their base."

"American forces only help civil war makers to transport troops, garrison and repair ports, train personnel to use American-supplied weapons and even training the Kuomintang's secret police."

"The United States has, since conclusion of the Sino-Japanese war and the beginning of the civil war, equipped 40 American-mechanized divisions for the Kuomintang. Only 20 divisions were American-equipped during the war against Japan, most of which were used in fighting their compatriots rather than the national enemy."

The broadcast accused the U. S. Navy of having violated agreements made by the January cease-fire agreement, the March Manchurian truce and Gen. George C. Marshall's April pledge whereby no more than five Kuomintang armies were to be transported to Manchuria.

After five Kuomintang armies

were already in Manchuria, Yenian charged, the Navy brought up the Kuomintang 60th, 93rd, 53rd and 44th armies and is now preparing to bring in more Kuomintang troops.

These actions, Yenian pointed out, violate the communique issued by the Big Three Foreign Ministers meeting in Moscow last December stressing non-intervention in China's internal affairs and pledging withdrawal of American and Soviet troops alike from China at the earliest possible moment. President Truman followed this up on Dec. 15 with a statement that America would not influence the course of events in China by military intervention.

"For the sake of survival, for peace and democracy in China, for Sino-American friendship, international trust and security, the Chinese people must demand that the American Government immediately cease its unjust, inhuman, and criminal policy of violating commitments of the Moscow conference and bringing disaster on the Chinese people," Yenian said.

Joliot Curie Arrives in U.S.

Frederic Joliot Curie, French high commissioner for atomic energy, arrived here by plane Monday night to head France's delegation to the International Atomic Energy Control Commission meeting Friday.

Joliot Curie is a pioneer in atomic research, played a leading part in the French resistance movement and is a member of the French Communist Party.

He said: "We intend to attain some sort of international control of the development of atomic energy for useful purposes and to prevent the use of atomic weapons."

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Views On Labor News

By George Morris

COVERING the convention of the United Packinghouse Workers of America at Montreal was an experience as interesting as it was instructive.

This union, although counting 200,000 members, is one of the youngest in the country. It is essentially a rank and file union. Most of its members do the hardest and often the most disagreeable kind of work. The average wage is still below a dollar an hour.

Watching the 400 delegates in action, it was evident that the leadership of this union is still being shaped. It has many good local and regional leaders. But there are as yet few who have won recognition and authority as national leaders.

This explains to an extent the reason why the delegates consumed the bulk of their attention

Packinghouse Workers Move Forward

on election of officers. They wanted an improvement over the former officers, but candidates in the field didn't find it very easy to line up enough districts and votes for election.

The CIO's representative at the convention was working on the theory that reelection of former officers was the best bet for UPWA. But he soon found out that the overwhelming majority of the convention's delegates wouldn't go for that.

Where Opposition Comes From

Opposition did not come only from the left delegates, who influenced only about a fourth of the voting strength. The bulk of the opposition came from so-called "independent" forces in the Nebraska-Iowa, Minnesota and Canadian districts who accounted for about half of the voting strength.

A large section of this combination that wanted change, objected to the red-baiting practices of the retiring administration, but all were united on the demand for a more competent and more aggressive leadership.

This is how it came about that the great majority of the delegates turned their attention to the union's chief counsel, Ralph Helstein, who was elected president. The idea of an attorney becoming a president of a union struck me between the eyes as it must have done to many others.

But I saw with my own eyes how men from the packing plants and stockyards spent days and nights campaigning for Helstein. They rolled up enough votes to force the incumbent to withdraw.

The CIO's representative, Allan S. Haywood, despite his earlier opposition to the new proposal, gave it his blessing and even led the convention in singing "Helstein is your leader, we shall not be moved."

There is another reason. Delegates told me that Helstein wasn't just an attorney. He was "married" to the union, involved in all its work, and is an actual member of its Swift local in Chicago. He had no other practice. During last winter's famed strike, they told me, his was the guiding hand of its strategy.

After hearing all that, I said

to myself, if he is good for the packinghouse workers, who am I to raise questions?

The main point is that the UPWA is on the threshold of another battle, probably in August, when it may have to strike for a dollar an hour minimum. The union needs unity and aggressive leadership. Helstein, say the packinghouse workers, can give them both.

There Was One Serious Weakness

I did see one serious weakness in the convention. Of the 14 officers and board members elected, only one, a vice-president, is a Negro. About a third of the union's membership is Negro. This was well reflected in the convention, and here, as at other conventions I have attended recently, the Negroes proved themselves most articulate and aggressive.

The role of the Negroes in last winter's strike dramatically served notice that a powerful force was rising among the packinghouse workers—a force that must not be minimized or ignored.

Even in the Michigan-Indiana district, which I was told has a majority of Negro members did not elect one to the board. And, from what I have been able to learn, competence was certainly not the major consideration. This union is bringing up some very capable Negro leaders.

On the other hand, I saw evidence that Negroes are not falling for efforts to exploit the Negro representation issue for factional and red-baiting purposes. The factional opposition to Herbert March, regional director of Chicago, who is white, put forward a Negro candidate against him. Twenty-two Negroes voted for March, to only eight against him.

The reason? March is well known as a champion of Negro rights and as one of the union's most competent and progressive leaders.

That makes it all the more imperative that the UPWA should press a conscious policy of giving its capable Negro members a greater opportunity to build and lead the union.

Letters from Our Readers

Some Suggestions Well Taken

Wellfleet, Mass.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The following are some suggestions made by a friend who thinks the Worker is the most interesting paper she has seen:

She thinks the articles on Major Benton fine; "other papers never tell you anything like that."

She suggests that the women's page could be much improved: that the article on sun tan in the June 2 issue is not up to date technically; the food recipes not good for a worker's family, they take too long to prepare. Suggests if possible information on what foods are plentiful, prices, etc.

Also suggests something on the

fish and shellfish situation (many of the people here are shellfishermen) showing prices of 40 and 50 cents per dozen in the restaurants for shellfish, while the fishermen get two dollars a bushel.

B. FAUST.

You're Right, Sister! Dive in, the Water's Fine

Bronx
Editor, Daily Worker:

Last night I attended a rally at P.S. 64 in the Bronx, sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans, at which Wm. S. Gailmor spoke.

The subject for the evening was Bigotry, and in the course of his talk, Gailmor pointed out that the condition in our halls of Congress boils down to one basic thing,

and that is "Blackmail," and he accused those few who might want to be progressive, of being in constant fear of this political blackmail by the Rankin Committee and such.

There were several other excellent speakers on the program, and they all agreed that excitement and speeches were not enough, and that unless definite action is carried on, no good comes of rallies and speech making.

We hope that the active people in the JWV organization will take some heed, and lose their fear of red-baiting, because, as Gailmor pointed out, "Why should the Daily Worker and the Communists have a monopoly on doing the right thing all the time, it should be everyone's privilege."

ROSLYN F. WACHS.

Calls for Strict Rationing to Aid World

Ridgefield, Conn.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Right now millions are starving to death in Europe, China and India; yet month after month we have been shipping abroad only about half of our grain commitments, and those commitments were set months ago at figures only about half of what the hungry peoples said they needed.

Throughout this famine-stricken world our greedy joy-ride of unrationed belly-stuffing is puzzling everyone. Our garbage cans are filled to overflowing while elsewhere little children grow thin and whimper and die. What Wendell Willkie called our "reservoir of good-will" is rapidly becoming so dry that it begins to

look like a volcano crater that could soon spew forth brimstone and ashes.

The efficient Germans, with all their horrible machinery for mechanized murder, required six years of war to kill about 20 million people. It appears that our American plan (or rather, refusal to plan) will probably result in killing 30 or 40 million people in six months of peace.

What is needed? Obviously bold, swift, vigorous action by our government to ration strictly our extravagantly wasteful consumption of grains, meats, butter, eggs, ice cream, etc., and to ship abroad swiftly whatever is needed to keep alive the millions of innocents.

ATWOOD H. TOWNSEND.

D. W. Press Roundup Hails the Lies

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The Ben Franklin Club of the Cultural Section has passed a motion that we write you how much we think of your Press Roundup. It's terrific, a wonderful job and just what we needed to nail the lies where we find them and fast!

We find it a swell thing to clip and show around to some of our skeptical friends who still don't know that the Daily is the only paper that can afford to tell the truth and who have to be given concrete examples of how the capitalist press murders the facts.

H. C.

Has Marched on May Day for 61 Years

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I was surprised to read the article of May Day Film Thrills (Wednesday, June 5), wherein it states that Herman Ellers, 83, marched for the eight-hour day in the first May Day parade in Chicago in 1886.

I don't know who marched in Chicago in 1886 but everybody knows that I, Louis Eichwald, going on 85 come Christmas Day, was in the first demonstration here in N. Y. C. which was also held in 1886.

I have marched in every May Day demonstration since. For the last ten years I marched in the front of every May Day parade with my shepherd dog with signs on him. He has been applauded by thousands upon thousands of the New York public.

LOUIS EICHWALD.

Let's Face It -

By Max Gordon

THE Democratic National Committee is obviously worried about the drive toward a new political lineup in America.

The current issue of its monthly publication, *The Democrat*, leads off with an article by Henry Wallace arguing strongly against organization of a third party.

Sam O'Neal, national publicity head and editor of the paper, writes another front page article designed to show that the Republican Party will remain die-hard reactionary.

An editorial combines the underlying ideas in the two articles by pleading with labor not to organize a third party because that would simply mean turning the country over to the GOP, labor's worst enemy.

Wallace puts his finger on the reason for the urge toward a third party today.

"There is never any appreciable pressure for a third party in this country except when considerable numbers of voters come to feel that there is little real difference between our two major parties," he writes. "When that does occur, it is natural for a third party movement to develop, even though its immediate effect is to insure a reactionary victory."

But, says Wallace, that is not the case today. He insists the two parties do differ; that the Democratic Party is the party of progress and the Republican Party is the party of reaction. If you organize a third party, you split the progressive forces because election laws make it hard to get third parties on the ballot in many states.

Wallace does not, however, appear to be too sure of himself. His evidence of the progressive nature of the Democratic Party is the record established under Roosevelt and he insists that must be "emphasized" to overcome the third party danger. He prefers to remain silent about the Truman record.

WALLACE and O'Neal are right, of course, about the GOP. Its leadership and, with rare exception, its entire apparatus is thoroughly and completely sold to the extreme reactionary elements of American finance capital. The bunk of Sen. Wayne Morse and Harold Stassen about transforming it into the "liberal" party is so much hogwash.

It is important to emphasize this because there are a lot of people, including workers, who have become disillusioned with Truman and may turn to the GOP for a "change."

But a Democratic Party led by Truman and accepting the responsibility for his program and policies defeat this reactionary GOP? The primary results in California, if we have analyzed them correctly, say emphatically no.

Because of the California system of cross-filing in primaries, this has been the first test between the two parties since Truman came under labor's attack. The Democrats lost disastrously and the GOP won overwhelmingly.

While local factors unquestionably played an important part, the results were so one-sided as to suggest more compelling reasons. According to the west coast labor daily, the *People's World*, the "Truman Administration's strikebreaking and labor-baiting . . . repelled large numbers of voters from the Democratic Party, and seeing no other alternative, (they) voted Republican in protest."



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'Un-Packing' the Court— A Move Toward Reaction

WHAT is behind the extraordinary outburst of Justice Jackson against Justice Black?

Clearly, far more than meets the eye in Jackson's statement. The circumstance that one of the lawyers appearing before the Supreme Court was a law partner of Justice Black before 1927, does not explain it.



Black

Jackson

Only the political line-up in the Court and the changing political line-up in the country offers a clue.

Justice Black was appointed by President Roosevelt as part of his plan to bring some breath of liberalism into the Court at a time when the nation was effecting important social changes.

The Supreme Court was viewed as the weapon with which the labor-hating reactionaries would use to knife the social reforms demanded by the country. Roosevelt had to do with the Court what Lincoln and Jackson before him had had to do—challenge its power to nullify the national will. In vain did the big corporations and their stooges cry out against "packing the Court." It was seen all too clearly that what they wanted was to have a Court packed with their own representatives, willing to scuttle the New Deal reforms.

Propagandized Against Black

The same kind of propaganda was launched against Judge Black at the time of his appointment. His subsequent opinions proved him to be a more consistent follower of President Roosevelt's New Deal views than the Tories were willing to tolerate.

The growing "crisis" in the Court was aggravated, it seems, by the fact that it was split down the middle into so-called liberal and conservative wings. This came to a head in the decision giving the miners portal-to-portal pay. Judge Black's decision won the case for the miners in a 5-4 vote.

Judge Jackson, a man ambitious to be the Chief Justice, led the opposing view. Today, he leads the assault against Black.

Destroyed FDR Policies

It is no secret in the press that if Black goes, the so-called conservative wing—actually moving toward reaction—will once again dominate the Court. The work of Franklin Roosevelt will have been destroyed even as his labor and foreign policies have been destroyed by the Truman Administration, working ever closer to the line of the Hoover Republicans.

The present policies of the Government, in domestic and foreign policies, require a Court willing to approve measures that cannot but limit, curtail and finally destroy democratic liberties in the United States.

Is the present move aimed at achieving such a Court ready to approve the militarization of the nation and prepare it for world imperialist domination? It would seem that this is exactly what is brewing behind the scenes. This is how the country should understand these ominous moves which mean something quite different from what they seem to.

Porkchop Strike

IS A MAN eating a sandwich engaged in a "political act"?

According to the cheap wisdom of the Hearst New York Mirror, the maritime workers are spoiling for a "political strike."

The maritime workers ask shorter hours than the 56-hour work week. They ask for 22-35 cents an hour pay increases.

It will mean more pork chops for the fine men who keep the ships sailing. This is a strike for pork chops.

Let the government pressure the owners. Let the men get what they need to eat and work decently.

Then there would be no strike or even talk of it. No one likes to strike. But they do like to eat. And without licking the boots of the rich and powerful, the way a Mirror editor has to do.



Between the Lines

Old Rhine in New Bottles

by Joseph Starobin

WE'RE going to hear a great deal in the next weeks about a plan for the "federalization" of Germany. Mr. Byrnes is traveling to Paris with the intention of proposing this idea as a substitute for the Potsdam agreement. The British Foreign Office has been plugging this so-called "United States of Germany" for quite a while. It seems now that the United States has not only come around, but is taking the lead in pushing it.



Incidentally, it's a remarkable commentary on the foreign policy of our country that our leaders don't seem to be able to keep their agreements very long.

Only a year ago July, Mr. Truman made his first appearance on the international stage by visiting Potsdam and signing a historic agreement with Attlee and Stalin on the treatment of defeated Germany.

We pride ourselves so much on our righteousness, high moral character, firmness. Our press is full of pompous insults to allied peoples, alleging how hard they are to get along with. But a good test of a man or a country is how well they keep their promises.

The State Department is proposing a formal break with the Potsdam accord 11 months after it was signed.

Here's what's involved: The capitalist powers committed themselves last July to the treatment of Germany as a single economic unit. It was agreed that the present occupation zones would be replaced by a central German government functioning under Big Four control.

I know there are some fine progressives, like Henry Morgenthau, who expressed their anti-fascism by urging the dismemberment of Germany. Instead of diagnosing the social-historical roots of fascism's rise, they saw

the evil in the centralization of Germany under Prussia.

Their ideas are now being refurbished with a proposal which amounts to the atomization of the German nation. It is, as I think analysis will show, a reactionary proposal, aside from a violation of Potsdam.

The build-up for this proposal comes in the form of wild charges that the USSR is shutting its own zone off from the rest of Germany and, therefore, making it harder to maintain industrial life in the other zones.

This propaganda has been growing steadily. After having established the false idea that the Soviet Union wants to maintain its own zone separate from the rest of Germany, the British and American authorities now come forward with the thought of a permanent decentralization of the Reich. The alleged Soviet stand is the alibi.

This is, in effect, a proposal to maintain the present military and political control of southern Germany and the Ruhr-Rhineland area in the hands of the capitalist powers.

And the reason they wish to maintain this control indefinitely is because they have come to realize that a centralized Germany under a truly democratic government would have to be a progressive Germany; it would be a Germany in the hands of those elements which are really capable of rebuilding democratic life and destroying the roots of fascism—namely the German workers.

Rather than have such a Germany emerge (falsely called a Soviet Germany) the State Department would break its own Potsdam accord, and at the same time break Germany up into as many pieces as possible. Thereby, it calculates that it could better resist the developing progressive tide in Germany as a whole.

But Germany was reactionary not because it was centralized and unified; it was reactionary because the most reactionary social

classes had the upper hand. Size of governing units is not the important thing. It's possible to have a whole series of neo-fascist principalities in Germany; it's possible to have a united but democratic Germany. The latter is historically necessary. The former is what we will get if the Anglo-American plan succeeds.

The British in particular are mortally terrified by the unification of the German Left in the Unified Socialist Party. They are afraid of land reform. They fear nationalization of German big industry (except where British trusts can derive profit thereby).

They know that the workers in their own zones—as in Hamburg, Essen and other cities—are voting for the Communists in the factory council elections. They are, in short, afraid that an economically and politically centralized Germany would inevitably come under the leadership of the emerging democratic forces.

And the United States—which originally feared the British control of the Ruhr-Rhineland—and, therefore, favored the Potsdam accord, is now proposing to break that accord.

Evidently, the State Department has reason to believe that American big business can break into the British monopoly of the Ruhr. Or else the fear of democracy in Germany is so overriding that the longer range threat of a British combine in the Ruhr is being brushed aside.

James Reston of the N. Y. Times gives the game away in the last paragraph of his Sunday story:

"One of the reasons why the British have been showing such interest in the federation idea is that Russian political unification and industrial revival under Communist leadership, and this tendency is partly responsible for crystallizing the United States policy in favor of a Germany that has an economic customs union but is politically a federation."

Reston's concept of Soviet policy is inaccurate. But he knows what he means. So do we.

Negro Tells of L.I. Cops' Brutality

Complaint on Gambling Den Brought Savage Beating

By John Hudson Jones

William J. Dessauere, 36, of 90 Liberty Ave., Freeport, New York, yesterday told the Daily Worker how he was savagely beaten by Rockville Centre policemen, though innocent of any crime. He had complained to them about a gambling house, and an abusive policeman he saw there.

Dessauere identified the officers as Arthur L'Hommiedieu, Louis Wells, Sergeant Garvey, and another whose badge number he thinks was "429."

Bandages, bruised and lacerated arms, lost teeth, and a head wound, show the extent of the beating. Dessauere is in bed, unable to walk. X-Ray pictures have been made to determine any possible fractures.

"I walked into the house looking for a man that I owed some money. I had been told he was there. As I walked in I noticed a cop standing in the room drink-

ing from a beer bottle. My friend wasn't there. I remarked to another fellow that the 'house' even

had 'police protection.' The cop heard me and cursed at me. I said nothing, and when I got into the street I decided to report him to the station house," Dessauere re-

"You dirty black — what're you trying to do? Make a fool of us?" Dessauere answered that he wasn't, whereupon one of them rammed the end of a night stick into his mouth. "I grabbed at the stick, and another one hit me on the knee with his and pushed me backwards."

L'Hommiedieu and Wells claim that Dessauere took their sticks and "assaulted" them. When questioned

about this, Dessauere said, "Maybe when I grabbed the stick in my mouth and fell over, my feet hit one, but I swear I never tried to fight back."

It is at this point that Dessauere's story is corroborated by four eye witnesses, who have been subpoenaed for an investigation by the Nassau County District Attorney.

PRESS ROUNDUP

THE HERALD-TRIBUNE notes the indictment at the Mikhalovitch trial that a British and American officer "egged on Mikhalovitch to fight the Communists. . . ." So what, the Tribune says in effect: "It is quite possible that such things may have happened in the heated politics of the Balkans. . . ." That these Communists were leading a Partisan Army which held off as many German divisions in Yugoslavia as we had to fight in Italy is small potatoes to the editor. Tito's Partisans save the lives of thousands of American soldiers, despite the efforts of the American and British officers named in the Yugoslav indictment.

PM's Max Lerner asks: "Are we going to negotiate with the Russians on the basis of the Potsdam agreement on Germany,

or shall we scrap that? Has either Byrnes or Bevin offered the Russians the alternative of going through with the whole Potsdam agreement—including the total de-militarization, de-Nazifying, and de-industrializing of Germany? Or are we now insisting on scrapping Potsdam? If we are, are we honest enough to say so?" The questions are good but the answers are weak or omitted. Lerner wants the "veto power abolished," when previous agreement established this as an instrument of Big Three unity.

THE TIMES advocates extension of the draft, the Case anti-labor bill, ending OPA and believes "there is no good reason . . . why rent control should remain any longer in federal hands." Getting tough with our Allies abroad means getting tough with the people at home.

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Soviet Writer Looks at Hollywood

By Konstantin Simonov
Noted Soviet War Correspondent and Author
(Written for the United Press)

So you've just come back from Hollywood? How do you like Hollywood? Did you visit the movie studios? How do you like the movie studios? Those are the kind of questions I've been asked the last few days and I usually answer:

"Yes, I visited the movie studios; you've got wonderful movie studios. I like them very much. But tell me in turn: How would you answer me if I were to ask you: 'How do you like my watch? Doesn't it have a wonderful non-breakable crystal, an excellent metal case, and a superior band with the aid of which it stays on my wrist?'"

You would say to me, after all of

that: "Yes, that's all very fine, but permit me to ask you: How does it run?"

No, I'm not planning to damn Hollywood, which by the way, has long been a truism and a sign of "good tone." All I mean is that after all the most important thing about a watch is its movement and not its case, and that a gold watch does not necessarily have the best movement. But it is quite possible that the

greatest film art in the world for many years has been coming out of the smallest studio I saw in Hollywood, simply because Chaplin has been working there.

Art is not statistics and you cannot work out for it an average percentage. I am deeply convinced that a person who, after having seen nine American cowboy films and mysteries and one great film, and in his mind working out a system of proportion, subsequently announces that American cowboy films and mysteries is not only incorrect—he is simply stupid.

You don't measure art by its median but by its height. In Russia there lived at the same

time the brilliant writer, Leo Tolstoy, and the very bad writer, Artsybashev, whose books at the time were published in no smaller editions than the books of Tolstoy.

Could not then, arriving at a mean average, on that basis say that the literature of Russia at that time was only average?

However, as regards the contemporary American films, some people do make this faulty conclusion. Can we say that the brilliant comedies of Chaplin and wonderful comedies of Buster Keaton plus the average comedies of the Marx brothers and the bad comedies of the Ritz brothers together constitute a medium American comedy?

That is the same as saying that the Rocky Mountains are on the average such and such a height. The Rocky Mountains have no average height. There are peaks and low points. You judge art by its peaks.

For the last five or six years I have seen rather many American films; at least two-tenths of them have left a deep imprint on my soul. There were many bad pictures, but then the good remains both in your heart and in the history of art and the bad goes off into non-existence.

I'd like to say the American people in the movies more often, if one can express oneself this way, with their coats off, with their backs perspiring, deep chests, open manly faces which do not always depict a prominent concern over the condition of their ties.

Charge AFL Denies Negroes Housing Jobs

The National Urban League yesterday charged that general practices of AFL building trades unions bar Negroes from membership and jobs.

The League declared the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the United Association of Journeymen, Plumbers, and Steamfitters were the "building trades union which managed either to exclude Negro workers or limit their number in these fields."

In a survey covering leading cities, Julius A. Thomas, the League's industrial relations director, urged measures to insure "proper use of Negro labor as mechanics in the emergency housing program." The demand was made of Emanuel Lerner, labor branch director of the National Housing Agency.

The report points out that during the war majority of Negroes were used in engineering units, and were trained as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and sheet metal workers. "These Negroes should qualify for employment in the housing construction program with much less additional training than is required in the regular apprentice program," the League asserted.

The report lists the following data on Negro memberships:

Bricklayers Local No. 34—1,100 members; 120 Negroes.
Painters Brotherhood, 3,892—no Negroes.

Painters District 39—number of Negroes not known. The Progressive Club, organization of Negro painters affiliated with District No. 9, has 250 members.

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Joe Hits Hard, Shows Skill Avoiding Lefts

By Bill Mardo

Daily Worker Sports Editor

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 11.—Slim Jimmy Bell, more than any other sparmate here, resembles in style and speed the man whom Joe Louis meets next Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium.

Bell is the Washington lightweight whose elusive will to the wisp footwork and snake-like left has made him a main-eventer in his own right. Some say he's even faster than Conn, and Joe Louis is one of those who rates

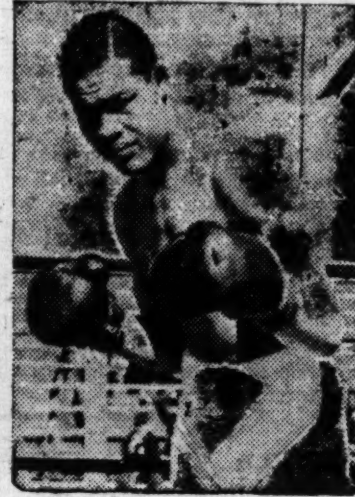
Bell what he thought of the heavy-weight champion's condition as Joe enters the last week of his prep-ping.

The sparmate answered quite simply. "He's much faster now and he's hitting very hard." How about those lefts with which Bell nailed Joe so often during the early weeks of his conditioning? "Louis is slipping inside of my lefts or taking it on his right glove." Then Bell added thoughtfully. "It's a whole lot harder to stay away from Joe these days."

Bell's words were given added emphasis a little later as Louis stepped into the outdoor ring to take on Perk Daniels, the first of four helpers Joe sparred with in today's workout. Joe surprised the large crowd here by flanking backward for a few seconds, and neatly slipping Daniel's blows off his glove-tips.

Then Joe stopped toying with his helper and began to stalk him. Daniels started a flurry to Louis' midsection but it was abruptly halted when the great Negro titleholder countered quickly with a short, lightning-like left hook to Perk's jaw. The chunky sparring partner grabbed and held on, then moved away and began to flick a long left into Joe's face. Louis followed him half-way across the ring when Daniels shot a hard right chop to the champion's jaw. But with the punching speed of former years, Louis tore back with his own right to the jaw and Daniels was badly shaken up. Joe pulled back his blows the rest of the way until trainer Manny Seamon called "time."

Going against elongated Al Hoos-



man next, the superbly-conditioned Louis was content to follow the speedy sparmate around the ring, slipping his punches nicely, until near the end of the round when Joe trapped him up against the ropes and uncorked a vicious one-two flurry to the jaw. Hoosman's long legs buckled and he all but fell into Joe's arms. Louis let up against Hoosman in the second stanza, but toward the tail-end of the round Joe got inside of Hoosman's flicking left to bang away at his body for a half a minute without letup.

Jimmy Bell was next on Joe's agenda, and in the first frame the champ was content just to stalk the mercury-toed lightweight and concentrate on avoiding his lefts. Many of Bell's portside pots, however, found their mark to Louis' face.

But the intent Louis made Bell pay dearly for his liberties in the

next round. With the shifty-footed sparmate whizzing around him, snapping long, accurate lefts to his face, the heavyweight king suddenly stepped on the gas, ripped into the surprised Bell and dug a short, wrist-deep hook into Bell's belly. The kid from Washington bent over and gasped for breath, his knees buckling slightly. Bell got back on his bike, and fast, but now Louis was opening up. He picked up the pace, stayed on top of Bell and then nailed him on the ropes with a stunning right cross after the left jab had found its mark on Bell's button. Another hook to the jaw hurt Bell and he moved out toward mid-ring to get away from the serious Louis.

They were sparring lightly in the center of the floor when Louis brought a gasp from the crowd with a vicious, bullet-like right to the jaw which stopped Bell dead in his tracks and all but lifted him into the air. "Time" was called soon after, fortunately for Bell.

Among the onlookers was Jackie Robinson, the first Negro in modern organized baseball, and who now leads the International League batters with a .356 average. Asked how he thought Joe looked today, Robinson smiled. "He always looks good to me."

Yanks Jittery Afield, Tigers Win Again 8-3

The slumping New York Yankees lost another to the Detroit Tigers 8-3 yesterday at Yankee Stadium. Manager Bill Dickey shook up his lineup to get results but only seemed to make matters worse as the Yankees made four infield errors.

The Yanks took a one-run lead in the first when Hal Newhouser walked Henrich and Keller doubled him home.

The Detroiters came back in the fourth inning and scored one run to tie the game. Outlaw was walked by Floyd Bevens and when Johnson, third baseman for the Yanks, allowed Greenberg's roller to hit the sack because he thought it would roll foul. Outlaw advanced to second and Mullin, next up, singled him home.

Detroit scored again in the fifth when Cramer was walked and Outlaw hit a looping triple to left field. The Yanks came back to tie the score in their half of the same inning when Niarhos, catcher, hit a triple and Frankie Crosetti sent him scampering home on a single.

Hank Greenberg hit his second successive homer in two days in the sixth and Detroit scored again when Cramer hit a triple to left field and Outlaw singled to center in the next inning. This sent Detroit ahead 4-2.

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on ice when Lake singled and was thrown out through a fielder's choice when Cramer grounded to second. Outlaw singled for his third hit of the days and both runners advanced when Niarhos threw wildly to second. Dick Wakefield then lashed one in to the right field stands and three runs scored. But that wasn't all. Following Wakefield, Greenberg singled and Bloodworth tripled for the last Detroit run making the score 8-2.

The Yanks in the last of the ninth got the first two men on when Niarhos and Souchock singled and advanced when Birdie Teppet, Detroit catcher, failed to hold on to one of pitcher Newhouser's curves. Both runners advanced.

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6:15-WOR—Bob Elson, Interview
WJZ—Ethel and Albert—Sketch
WABC—Patti Clayton, Songs
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
6:30-WOR—News; Fred Vandevanter
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs
WMCA—Racing Results
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WRO—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Here's Morgan
WABC—Robert Trout, News
WMCA—Sports Resume
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr.
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Lanny Ross Show
WMCA—News; Jack Elgen
WQXR—News; Music Festival
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
7:30-WEAF—Around Town—John Cooper
WOR—Cecil Brown, News
WJZ—The Lone Ranger
WABC—Ellery Queen
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Silhouettes in Tone
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs
WHN—Johnnie Steel
8:00-WEAF—Mr. and Mrs. North
WOR—Can You Top This?
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WABC—Jack Carson Show
WMCA—News; U. N. Rebroadcast
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—The O'Neills—Drama
8:30-WEAF—Hildegard, Songs
WJZ—Fishing and Hunting Club
WABC—Dr. Christian
WMCA—Congress on the Air
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Eddie Cantor Show
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—Court of Missing Heirs
WABC—Sad Sack—Sketch
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—World-Wide News Review
9:05-WAAT (970 Kc)—Labor Views the News—Sponsored by UE-CIO
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30-WEAF—Mr. District Attorney—Play
WOR—Cugat's Orchestra
WJZ—Sammy Kaye Orchestra
WABC—Bob Crosby Show
WQXR—Calvacade of Music
WMCA—When He Comes Home
9:55-WJZ—Harry Wismer—Sports
10:00-WEAF—Kay Kyser Show
WOR—Variety Musicale
WJZ—Sports Review
WABC—Great Moments in Music

WMCA—News; Veterans News
WQXR—News; Opera Music
10:30-WOR—The Symphonette
WJZ—We, the Guilty
WABC—Curt Massey, Songs; David Rose Orchestra
WMCA—Frank Kingdon
WQXR—String Music
11:00-WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WABC, WJZ—News; Music
WMCA—News; Amateur Night
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:15-WABC—Word from the Country
11:30-WABC—Invitation to Music
12:00-WEAF—News; Music
WOR, WABC—News; Music
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News Reports

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ART
TODAYABSTRACT ART:
★ HIGHWAY
OR DEAD END?

by Marion Summers

(This is the first of a series of articles on abstract art.)

The art season is now slowly folding up. In retrospect one fact stands out bolder than the rest—abstract art has become more solidly entrenched than ever in the 57th Street art market. More artists are working in the manner and more galleries are selling the product. Younger artists seem convinced that abstraction is the style of our time and are in a mad rush to board the train of history. It is probably useless to urge them to be careful and read the signs, or to warn them that abstraction may turn out to be a shuttle to a dead end.

Busy touting for this abstract coterie is the painter Ad Reinhardt who allegedly is attempting to teach PM readers the truth about art. A few weeks ago I had occasion to note in this column that he was spreading a rather thick layer of confusion. Since then it has become obvious that, behind a facade of cuteness, Reinhardt is seriously concerned with discrediting the whole field of representational art and its most vigorous section, social art.

To accomplish this he has concocted a mixture of half-baked philosophy, pseudo-science, non-sequiturs, misconceptions, prejudices, and double talk from the best sources. He ladles it all out to a public which is apparently reluctant to give up one of its most cherished traditions that a painting is a picture. That the public will swallow these illustrated esthetic parables is highly dubious, since they do not make too much sense, but meanwhile Reinhardt manages to spread a good deal of harm.

It would be useless to attempt to analyze each one of Reinhardt's little gems of ignorance, for he could probably polish off a new one quicker than you can say Kandinsky. But no matter how ridiculous Reinhardt may appear in print, abstract art plays an important role in the contemporary artistic scene. We should examine it carefully, its significance, its philosophy and its actual artistic contributions.

The term abstraction, like so many terms in art, covers a large area very vaguely. Strictly speaking, abstract art avoids all reference to reality or, as abstract artists themselves would say, to illusions of reality. It deals entirely with the relationship of shapes and colors. Often artists who distort nature or juggle its parts are lumped with the abstractionists, as for instance, Picasso, Braque or Klee. But since such artists do make frequent references to nature and are even at times interested in so highly suspect an illusion as space, they can not rightfully be classed with the abstractionists.

Abstract art stems originally from Cubism which broke down reality to a collection of geometric facets and reconstructed it according to an arbitrary esthetic program. There were after Cubism many different developments toward greater abstraction or greater freedom from reality—Orphism, Synchronism, Suprematism, Constructivism, Purism, etc. The great god of the present-day American abstractionists is Mondrian who developed a rather extreme form of rectangular surface division.

It is interesting to note that abstraction or non-objective art, as it is often called, a style developed 30 to 35 years ago in Europe and long since abandoned, had an efflorescence in the United States during the late 'thirties and is still going strong. Brought here by refugee artists, by disciples of the Bauhaus and fostered by the Museum of Non-Objective Art, the style caught on and grew.

It was and is taught in art schools and colleges as a basic approach to design. Before long it became not only a method but a restrictive framework of perception. It found a fertile soil among young American artists who were incapable of or unprepared to face the social problems of their time. Here was an esthetic which called for no understanding of social issues, no human experience, no hope, no faith, no direction. All it required was a manipulation of the abstract elements of the craft.

(The next article in this series will appear on Sunday.)

Latin-American Music Themes

Frank Black directs the NBC Orchestra in a program of music based on Latin American themes, on "Concert of the Nations," Thursday, June 13 (NBC, 11:30 p.m., EDT). Samuel Chotzinoff is narrator.

The program opens with George Gershwin's "Cuban Overture." This is followed by Darius Milhaud's "Brazilian Dances," from "Saudades do Brasil."

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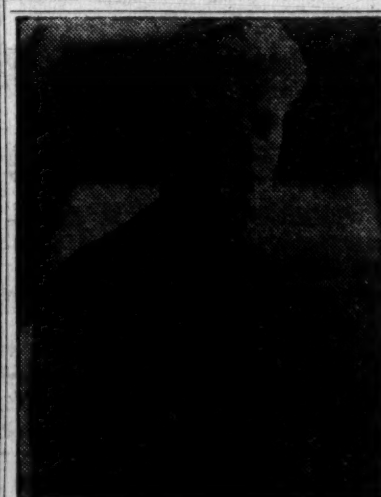
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Film Front

Screen Guilds Fight for Decent Minimum

By David Platt

White collar workers in the New York offices of the big movie companies are seeking new agreements on wages, hours and working conditions. The Screen Publicists Guild, Local 114 UOPWA, CIO is negotiating with home office executives for a 30 percent hike in pay, a 35-hour week, three-week vacation, increased severance pay and a better break in working conditions.



The Screen Office and Professional Employees Guild (SOPEG) Local 109, U. O. P. W. A., is about to open negotiations with six major studios for higher wage scales, improved grievance machinery and security and a better deal for the vets.

The picture industry can well afford to better the standards of its white collar workers. Profits from the production and distribution of films are higher today than ever before in Hollywood's history.

Warner Bros. Pictures and its subsidiaries last week reported a net profit of \$9,125,000 after federal taxes for the six months ended March 2, 1946. This represents a gain of \$4,520,000—practically double—over the clear earnings for the same period in 1945 when the total profits amounted to \$4,605,000.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (Loew's Inc.) reports a net profit of \$8,952,067 for 28 weeks ending March 14. This is against a profit of \$6,768,469 for the same period in 1945.

Paramount Pictures Inc. estimates its earnings for the first quarter ended March 20 at \$11,578,000 after deducting all taxes on income. The profits for the same quarter in 1945 were \$4,007,000.

Twentieth Century Fox reports

Growth Of
Schools
In USSR

By 1950 the Soviet Union will have 193 thousand elementary and secondary schools, equalling the prewar number. It is expected that 31,800,000 children will study in them. Special attention is being given to school buildings in the districts which were occupied by the Germans.

During the war the Germans demolished 82 thousand schools in the Soviet Union. Of the total capital appropriation for the building and the restoration of schools, three quarters will be expended in the districts which were under German occupation.

In the Russian Federation the number of schools will increase from 113 thousand to 116 thousand, and their enrollment by more than four million.

The Ukraine, which now contains 27,448 schools, will have 29,045 by 1950. The number of their pupils will grow from 4,800,000 to 6,300,000.

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that its net profits for 1946 will be "vastly greater" than its net profit of \$12,746,467 for 1945. The other majors are in an equally healthy financial condition.

While the weekly salaries of studio executives and the profits and box-office prices on the endless stream of celluloid sleeping-sickness run to astronomical figures, the film industry is still paying beginner clerks as low as \$22 a

week. Capable accounting clerks receive no more than \$28 to \$30. Responsible secretaries get as little as \$35. Screen readers are paid as low as \$55 and \$60. Screen publicists are equally underpaid for the work they do.

The white collar unions in film recognize that these are the most important negotiations in their history. With the War Labor Board out of the picture, the memberships of SOPEG and SPG understand that their battle for a decent minimum standard of living and peace of mind will be won only through their own strength and are swinging into action.

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Mikhailovitch Admits Nazi Deal

FOUGHT PARTISANS, HE SAYS, BUT PLEADS 'NOT GUILTY'

Draja Mikhailovitch pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of war crimes and collaboration, but admitted at his Belgrade trial that he had signed a truce with the Germans and attacked Marshal Tito's partisans.

Replying to the court's first question, Mikhailovitch said he had rejected the offer of legal assistance from supporters in the United States voluntarily, and not under pressure. The "arranged confession" which had been rumored was not forthcoming, and the defendant denied he had been mistreated in jail.

The general was described by Daily Worker correspondent John Gibbons as "very fat and perky, and the type of man one would avoid on a dark night."

Mikhailovitch also confirmed a prosecution charge that British army headquarters in Cairo, through a British Capt. Hudson, had ordered him to "fight for Yugoslavia and not transform the struggle into a rebellion of Communists in behalf of Soviet Russia."

Mikhailovitch denied the Germans recognized his Chetnik forces as "friendly," claimed he attacked

the anti-Nazi partisans to stop "looting," and said he had not collaborated with Croat quisling troops.

He declared he was the first Yugoslav to fight the Germans. When the court contested this statement, he shrugged: "What difference did one or two days make?" The prosecution read into the record that Tito's men first rose up against the Germans.

Col. Robert H. McDowell, former head of the American Military Mission to Mikhailovitch, who was charged in the indictment at the Belgrade trial with having held conferences with the Germans in 1944, admitted here yesterday that he met a Herr Starker of the German Foreign Office, but said Nazi officials made contact with him "for the purpose of discussing surrender of German forces."

Humbert Stall Stirs Riots

King Humbert's refusal to accept the Italian Republic until formally proclaimed by the Supreme Court fomented monarchist demonstrations in Rome yesterday.

Thousands of cheering monarchists gathered before Humbert's palace and twice booed Premier Alcide de Gasperi, threatening to rush his car with clubs, stones and pieces of leadpipe. Six thousands troops later cordoned off the area.

Fifty thousand Republicans marched on the cabinet building last night to demand that the government immediately and formally proclaim the Republic.

Gouin Offers Resignation

PARIS, June 11 (UP).—French President Felix Gouin offered the collective resignation of his government today to the inaugural session of France's second Constituent Assembly.

Gouin's letter said that it was up to the new Assembly to choose a new government. He added that he and his colleagues would "continue to expedite current affairs" until that is done.

Marcel Cachin, 73-year-old Communist and oldest member of the Assembly, presided.

Socialists Rap Leaders' Campaign

Wireless to the Daily Worker

PARIS, June 11.—The weekend National Council meeting of the Socialist Party heard a storm of criticism against the manner in which the leadership had conducted the election campaign.

Feeling was particularly strong against Minister of Interior Andre Le Troquer, whose attacks on the Communists during the campaign had been particularly mendacious and harmful to his party.

The meeting affirmed willingness of the Socialists to participate in a three-party government, but decided not to accept the premiership.

The Communist Party's central committee will meet Saturday. It is improbable that the Popular Republicans can form a government before then.

Senate Fight On OPA Begins

WASHINGTON, June 11 (UP).—A wide split over continuance of OPA controls developed in the Senate today as the chamber opened debate on an extension bill that may reduce the agency to a figurehead.

As approved by the Banking and Currency committee, the measure would remove all controls on meat, poultry and dairy products on July 1, cut down food subsidies, and establish standards from ending controls on other commodities.

H&M Strikers Await Truman Action

Strike chairman Charles Doll of the Hudson and Manhattan trainmen reported nothing new in strike developments yesterday. "We're waiting to see what the President's Fact Finding Board will report to the President and what the President's actions will be," Doll said.

Hungary Premier Here; Rakosi in Group

Premier Ferenc Nagy and Deputy Premier Matthias Rakosi of Hungary arrived at LaGuardia field yesterday. They were accompanied by Foreign Minister John Gyongyosi and Minister of Justice Stefan Riles.

The four represent main parties of Hungary's governing coalition. Nagy is from the Smallholders, Rakosi is head of the Communist Party and Riles is a Social Democrat.

They said they had come to acquaint the U.S. Government with Hungary's peace purposes and obtained America's assistance for economic rehabilitation.

They left for Washington yesterday and will be received at a dinner tonight by Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson.

8 Reported Killed in Naples

ROME, June 11 (UP).—At least eight persons were reported killed tonight and 50 wounded in Naples when Monarchists, led by riflemen, fought off police and tried to burn Communist headquarters.

Davis Blasts Amsterdam News on Freeport Case

The New York Amsterdam News, weekly Negro paper, is stooging for Governor Dewey in attacking the Justice in Freeport Committee, Communist Councilman Benjamin Davis charged yesterday.

"The Amsterdam News," said Davis, "tries to pretend that the committee is opposed to a campaign against the Ku Klux Klan. This is fantastic. It was the Freeport Committee which brought to light the existence of a functioning Ku Klux Klan in this state and forced

the removal of Horace Demarest, an incorporator of the Klan, from his job on the payroll of Gov. Dewey's State Administration.

"It was the Freeport Committee which started the campaign against the Klan in New York. Where was the Amsterdam News when the Freeport Committee was performing this service to the Negro people and to democracy in New York? Why hasn't the Amsterdam News helped this committee get justice against the white fascist cop who

lynched the two Negro Ferguson brothers (both vets) in Freeport?

"Now we know where the Amsterdam News is. It is busy attacking and slandering the committee which is fighting the Klan.

"It is obvious why the Amsterdam News is following this course. This newspaper is an Uncle Tom sheet for Dewey. This paper is protecting Dewey and Secretary of State Curran, both of whom refuse to disband the Klan and refuse to take action against the fascist Freeport cop.

"The Amsterdam News hates the Freeport Committee because its chairman happens to be Rep. Adam Powell, whom everyone must admire for his fearless stand for Negroes—vets and civilians.

"We understand that Dewey and the Amsterdam News have a stooge candidate to run against Rep. Powell. Well, if the Amsterdam News has to stoop to such unprincipled tactics and lies to prepare the ground for him, there can't be much to him."

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No Negroes Served on Juries, Tenn. Sheriff Admits at Trial

By Harry Raymond

COLUMBIA, Tenn., June 11.—Maury County Sheriff J. J. Underwood strengthened the case of the Columbia Negroes, fighting to outlaw an all-white Grand Jury indictment for "attempt to murder," by nervously blurring out on the witness stand this morning that he never saw a Negro serve on a local jury.

Attorneys for the National Association of Advancement of Colored People called their last witness in their plea of abatement. The State's Attorney, after conceding the defense could put on the stand numerous more witnesses who had never heard of Negroes on juries, was given a day's recess to prepare his evidence.

Thurgood Marshall, defense attorney, called the Sheriff to the stand as an "adverse witness". After admitting he never saw a Negro on a jury during his term of office, the Sheriff was questioned by Marshall if any Negroes were ever summoned for such service. "Yes," said the Sheriff, "several."

Q. Name one of them?
A. I can't do that.
Q. When were they summoned?
A. When I was deputy sheriff.
Q. How many Negroes were summoned?

A. Three or more.
Q. Can't you name them?
A. No.
Q. Where do they live?
A. In Mt. Pleasant. I may get the information about them later today.

Q. Where will you get it?
A. From a man in the phosphate plant.

Q. Who is the man?
A. I don't know.

Another witness, Miss Dabney Anderson, County Clerk, testified Negroes had been called for jury service but said she never saw one serve. The defense is prepared to ask the Court to squash the indictment on the basis of testimony presented during two weeks of the hearing.

One defendant, Tommy Baxter, died and his case was stricken from the indictment today.

Maurice Weaver's Life Threatened

Special to the Daily Worker

COLUMBIA, Tenn., June 11.—Maurice Weaver, white defense attorney from Chattanooga in the mass trial of the Columbia Negroes, announced today his life had been threatened. Howard Dome, court stenographer, said he heard the threat made against the attorney.

HITS ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS AGAINST THE NEW POLAND

Nine representatives of Poland's surviving Jewry were given a warm welcome by 12,000 of their New York brethren at Madison Square Garden last night. Dr. Emil Sommerstein, leader of the nine, president

of the Central Committee of Polish Jews and vice-minister in the Polish Cabinet, told how the 70,000 remaining Polish Jews need help; 3,200,000 are dead and 150,000 others were saved by the Soviet Union.

Polish Ambassador Oscar Lange officially welcomed the representatives to the United States.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American and World Jewish Congress, presided.

Dr. Robert S. Marcus, who served with the U.S. Army in Europe as a combat Chaplain, and who is director of the Department of Jewish Affairs of the American Jewish Congress, stated:

"The delegation come to us with a message which tells of a friendly government which at every turn helps and befriends them. They speak of the reactionary forces throughout the world which would destroy the New Poland. They tell of a virulent anti-Semitism carried on by those same forces, who use this means of race-hatred to discredit the present regime and to advance the cause of Fascism."

Dr. Wise pointed out that "there are Polish Jews who love Poland and are resolved to remain a part of the life of Poland."

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American and World Federations of Polish Jews, who returned from Poland Monday, quoted Polish army leader Marshal Rola Zymierski as saying that "the Polish Government could cope with the murder vans easily if it were not for foreign intrigues . . . the sinister team of Anders-Bor." He blasted Britain's demand for a United States loan while financing and equipping pogrom-making columns in Poland. He scored America's welcome to "pogrom heroes and fascist chieftains, the Denikins and Bors," while a haven is barred to their victims.

Speaking for the American-Jewish Labor Council, Louis Weinstock pledged help to Poland's Jews.

Boleslaw Gebert, of the IWO Polonia Society, scored the United States and Great Britain for their help to Anders and Bor.

To Keep Milk

If the temperature of the home refrigerator is kept between 40 and 50 degrees, pasteurized milk can be kept safely for four days.

benefits similar to those now enjoyed by officers, who already are entitled to draw pay for unused leave. Enlisted personnel, however, would get theirs in lump sums.

Enlisted men and women would be entitled to 30 days pay for unused leave per year, but not to exceed a total of 120 days.

WASHINGTON, June 11 (UP).—The House today by 379 to 0, without dissent a bill to give enlisted men and women an average of \$250 in terminal leave pay at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000,000.

Retroactive for service after Sept. 8, 1939, the measure would extend to enlisted men financial

House Passes Bill to Give
Terminal Leave Pay to GIs